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MEMORANDUM TO: Strategic Arms Monitoring Working Group

FROM: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

Agenda for START Briefings to SSCI [REDACTED]

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1. George Tenet and Gary Soika of the SSCI have informally asked us to consider a set of START-related briefings, similar to those we gave last fall on INF. The briefings would be given to staff members to "educate" them on the full range of important START issues. As before, the briefings would represent Intelligence Community views. [REDACTED]

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2. Attached is a strawman agenda listing 10 weekly sessions along with some major points we probably want to cover in those briefings. I have included a preliminary list of agencies and offices to provide portions of the briefings. As with the INF briefings, we can certainly have more than one briefer per session. [REDACTED]

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3. Your comments are needed on the major topic headings, the details to cover in each session, and a list of senior analysts for briefings. Please call me on [REDACTED] secure by no later than 1600 on Friday, 6 May with your comments. [REDACTED]

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**START BRIEFING AGENDA****Week 1****Soviet Strategic Force Doctrine and Goals**

- Soviet views on deterrence, warfighting, and the role of strategic weapons
- views on the current strategic force balance
- arms control as a means of constraining US force modernization and to facilitate planning

(Briefers: DIA, CIA/SOVA, INR)

**Week 2****Strategic Rocket Forces**

- current status and capabilities of silo-based ICBMs
- current status and capabilities of mobile ICBMs
- mobile ICBM operations
- reserve ICBMs and refire/soft-launch capability
- ICBMs in pre-flight development

(Briefers: NPIC, CIA/SOVA, DIA, CIA/OSWR)

**Week 3****Submarine Missile Forces**

- current status and capabilities of SSBNs and SLBMs
- current status and capabilities of SSNs/SSGNs and SLCMs
- future SLBMs and SLCMs

(Briefers: CIA/SOVA, CIA/OSWR)

**Week 4****Strategic Aviation**

- status and capabilities of Soviet heavy bombers
- status and capabilities of ALCMs and carriers
- future aircraft to include Stealth
- future ALCMs

(Briefers: DIA)

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## Trends in Soviet Strategic Forces

- overall triad modernization and potential force mix
- counterforce capabilities
- START
- no START

(Briefers: CIA/SOVA)

Week 6

## Collection Capabilities

- systems
- collection strategies
- new initiatives

(Briefers: ICS)

Week 7

## Monitoring Judgements

- strengths
- weaknessess
- "intractable" monitoring problems

(Briefers: ACIS)

Week 8

## Impact of Cooperative Measures

- type and possible contribution to monitoring

(Briefers: CIA/SOVA)

Week 9

## Potential for Soviet Breakout

- additional production
- ballistic missile reserves
- LRCM loadings
- RV loading

(Briefers: DIA)

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Week 10

Incentives for Cheating

--political

--military

(Briefers: CIA/SOVA, INR)

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